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## **FEDERAL-STATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE JOINT BOARD STAFF RELEASES MONITORING REPORT**

### *Comprehensive Report Tracks Trends Related to Universal Service*

Washington, D.C. – The staff of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service has released its most recent Monitoring Report on Universal Service. This report contains information designed to monitor the impact of various universal service support mechanisms, and the methods used to finance them, based on data filed by the telephone industry with the Federal Communications Commission through October 2010. This report, with a few exceptions, reflects data filed with the FCC by the telephone industry for the year 2009 and prior years, and projections for 2010.

A monitoring program was established in the mid-1980's, at the recommendation of the Separations Joint Board, to track trends related to universal service and related matters. Since then, Joint Board staff prepared Monitoring Reports at least once a year -- a compendium of statistical data on subscribership and penetration, loop costs, separations factors, universal service fund payments, etc. The report is the only Commission document that includes information on every incumbent local telephone company in the nation. In 1998, the publication of this report was moved from the Separations Joint Board staff to the Universal Service Joint Board staff. This is the fourteenth Monitoring Report from the Universal Service Joint Board staff.

The report may be downloaded at <http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/stats.html>. The document is also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. Copies may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-488-5300 or 1-800-378-3160, facsimile 202-488-5563, TTY 202-488-5562, or via e-mail at [fcc@bcpiweb.com](mailto:fcc@bcpiweb.com).

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